Notice of MB 18-184 / FCC 18-69 Ex-Parte Presentation

On Thursday, October 10, 2019 between 10:30 AM and 11:45 AM, Matthew Wesolowski of SSR Communications, Inc., Damon Collins of Blackbelt Broadcasting, Inc., and Barry Wood of Wood, Martin, and Hardy, P.C. met with Joel Miller, Chief of Staff of Commissioner Michael O'Rielly, as well as Carlos Minnix, staff assistant to Alexander Sanjenis, Media Advisor to Chairman Ajit Pai.

At both meetings, Wesolowski and Collins presented the "3 dB Compromise" amendment, filed previously in the MB 18-184 public record on August 15, 2019, with respect to the Section 73.215 component of the MB 18-184 / FCC 18-69 / "FM Class C4" proposal. The amendment would create a 3 decibel interfering contour buffer around stations subject to Section 73.215 reclassification, allowing affected stations significant additional antenna siting ability. The proposal would also prevent affected reclassified Section 73.215 stations from being "boxed in" by neighboring licensees seeking to upgrade to the proposed FM Class C4 allocation type.

At the Miller meeting, Wesolowski and Wood also asked the Commission to consider reducing or eliminating Section 73.215(e) spacing standards, as one of the original Commission justifications for implementing Section 73.215(e), lack of sufficient computing power at the Commission, is no longer valid.

Wesolowski and Collins urged Miller and Minnix to carry out the amended MB 18-184 proposal without delay.

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